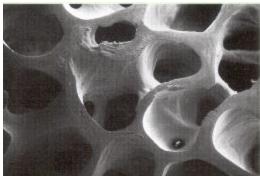
## Health Tips seniors

## What is osteoporosis?

## **Definition**

 Loss of bone tissue that weakens the strength of bone and makes bones more likely to break







Osteoporotic bone

## Recommendations to reduce your risk for osteoporosis

- Eat calcium-rich foods every day (1,200 mg per day)
- Eat vitamin D-rich foods every day (15 μg per day)
  - 10 to 15 minutes of sunlight exposure every day will produce vitamin D in your body
- Do weight-bearing exercises like brisk walking or strength-training
  - Inquire about our free latex-band resistance exercise program
- Do not smoke
- Limit alcohol intake (Women = 1 drink/day; Men = 2 drinks/day)
- Limit caffeine intake



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